

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C. March 9, 1899

Mr. Chubb & Son,
Fuller Building,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to yours of March 6th as to the insuring of
bullion and currency between the Assay Office in Seattle and
Mint at San Francisco, I have to say:

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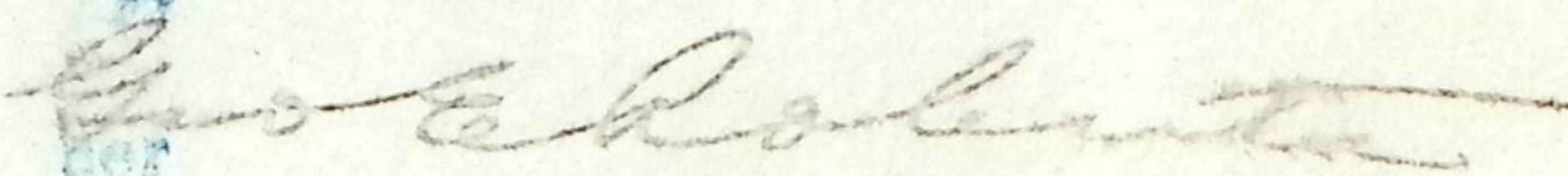
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takes place at Portland, from one car to another. As trains now
run this transfer would occur between five and six o'clock P. M.
There is a car ferriage over the Columbia River.

I enclose a statement of the shipments made from Seattle to
Philadelphia since August 6th, last, which will give you an idea
of the amount and frequency of them. You will notice that the
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Nothing definite as to what they will be. The shipments from Seattle will be entirely bullion. The deposits at Seattle will be paid in currency or by draft on the San Francisco Sub-treasury at the option of the depositors. We shall have to ship from San Francisco to Seattle enough currency to pay all who prefer currency to drafts. Perhaps the shipments from San Francisco to Seattle will not exceed one-half of those going the other way. But that also is uncertain. We shall be glad to have a proposition from your Company.

Very truly yours,



Director of the Mint.

Value of bullion shipped by the
 Survey Office at Seaboard, North
 Aug 6 1898 to July 28 1899

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